

Business Briefs

Area Realtors Receive National Recognition



Ingrid Michaelis



Sally Hooper



Bill Goddard

AMHERST, NH – Three area Realtors affiliated with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's Amherst, NH office have received national recognition as some of the top performing sales associates in New Hampshire. Each year, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in New England recognizes the work of exceptional sales associates through its distinguished awards program.

WILLIAM GODDARD was one of the top three NH sales associates in total number of sold listings. For his achievements, Bill was inducted into Coldwell Banker's Diamond Society, a designation only earned by the top 5% of all sales associates internationally. Bill celebrates his tenth year in real estate this year and has a long-time involvement with community activities in the area, including being the past Master of Clinton Lodge of Masons and an active participant with the local Sons of the American Legion, currently serving Post 10 as the Historian.

INGRID MICHAELIS also received induction into Coldwell Banker's Diamond Society in recognition of being one of the top three sales associates in New Hampshire for total sales volume. Ingrid, a resi-

dent of Amherst, has been active in real estate for more than 25 years, consistently achieving some of the highest levels of sales performance and client satisfaction. She has served on numerous civic boards and committees including the "Amherst 250th Anniversary" working group, and Amherst's ways & means committee.

SALLY HOOPER received induction into Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's Sterling Society which recognizes the top 8% of all Coldwell Banker sales associates internationally. Sally, an Amherst resident for 32 years, has been practicing real estate for over 25 years and has been involved in the historic real estate program for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She is also active in many local organizations including the "Christmas in Amherst Village House Tour", the Baboosic Lake Association and the Amherst Garden Club.

According to Rick Loughlin, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage/New England: "These awards to our sales associates exemplify the diligence, remarkable customer service, valuable market analysis, and marketing skills provided to our clients."

Manchester Organization Receives Anonymous \$5 Million Dollar Gift

MANCHESTER - Hillcrest Manor Inc. will now be able to move forward with plans for expansion and improvement of its Hillcrest Terrace Retirement Community campus thanks to a \$5 million gift from an anonymous donor. This very generous gift will be used to build independent cottages and create a community center.

The donor, not associated with Hillcrest, designated the gift to the not-for-profit organization specifically for this purpose.

In October 2009, Hillcrest was contacted by the donor's representatives and informed that the organization was one of several high-quality senior living providers being considered for this gift.

"We were told that the anonymous donor had a vision for improving the lives of seniors in the Manchester area, and was looking for the appropriate partner to make this vision a reality," said Gary Zabierek, Hillcrest President/CEO. Recently the Board of Hillcrest Manor was notified by the donor's representative that it had been selected as the re-

cipient of the \$5 million dollar gift.

In notifying Hillcrest of its selection, the donor's representative said Hillcrest met all the expectations of his client. "It is with great pleasure, acting on behalf of our client, to grant this substantial gift to Hillcrest," he said. The representative goes on to say that, "through this endeavor our client is able to realize a 'long standing vision' to provide an independent living facility for seniors that is 'safe, pleasant and promotes the health and well being of its residents'."

"This is an incredible opportunity for Hillcrest. We are thrilled to share this wonderful news, and are anxious to move forward with our plans to advance our mission to provide quality services to seniors in the Greater Manchester area," said Janet Bamberg, chairman of the Board of Hillcrest Manor, Inc. "The Board and Hillcrest management looks forward to working with the City and sharing regular updates with both current and prospective residents on the progress of this very exciting project."

A Brand New Program: One Less Victim

Mary R. Howe of Life Development Strategies, LLC and James D Gagnon of Gagnon Adaptive Training have formed a partnership; bringing you an exciting, well-rounded program that will help women who have endured the trauma of assault and domestic violence.

Mary Howe is an EFT {Emotional Freedom Technique} practitioner, Certified Hypnotist, Life Coach and an ordained non-denominational minister. Her approach on releasing fears, trauma, and other de-habilitating emotions are highly effective, giving most clients relief and release with just the first session. Her unique approach is gentle but powerful, as she gives women the tools to rebuild their lives in the way they choose.

Through this exclusive program, we now have the resources to offer women who have suffered a traumatic experience the opportunity to take back their lives through education, and learning self defense. This program was designed to enable women with a sense of self-realization of their own physical power, a place to feel safe, while support-

ing them as they heal the inner and spiritual self.

This program will help create a strong inner core, awaken the instinctual sense, while giving women the power so that they can shed the sense of being the victim.

We have designed this program also for those women who haven't experienced any trauma but hold the fear that it could happen to them. This is a valuable course in every aspect. It will help women release any fears of being a potential victim and it will leave them with a set of skills in which to defend themselves.

Group and individual sessions will be offered. Call with any questions. Mary and James are proud to have formed this powerful program and are here to help women take back their lives. They are committed to empowering women from the inside and out to become...ONE LESS VICTIM!

The main focus: Teaching women how to heal their wounds while learning the techniques of self defense. Two empowering lessons rolled into one unique program.

Businessmen's Fellowship International USA

Nashua Area Chapter

Businessmen's Fellowship International will hold its monthly Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, March 6 at 8:00 AM at New Beginnings Fellowship, 6 Spruce Street, Nashua. This is a men's only break-

fast. Come, bring a friend and enjoy a time of fellowship and prayer. For more information call Sonny Johnson 672-8085 or Jack Jackson 883-3446. Join us for a Complimentary Breakfast.

Mont Vernon

Equal Opportunity for Voters

To the editor:

"Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Mont Vernon School District on the second Tuesday of March?"

This petition warrant article will be on the MVSD ballot, March 9, 2010. Senate Bill 2 (RSA 40:13) is a 1995 NH statute that will allow all registered Mont Vernon voters to have equal opportunity to vote on Village School matters by either

- an absentee ballot or
- a ballot during day time voting hours.

This means that a voter is no longer required to attend a school district meeting to vote.

It will allow all Mont Vernon registered voters, who are not able to participate in the School District meeting, to vote on Village School matters, including the budget. It provides fairness for voters who are:

- on military deployment
- will be out of town on business
- on vacation
- at their employment during that time
- elderly and cannot attend lengthy meetings
- concerned about their personal safety attending a night meeting
- deterred by pending weather conditions
- not able to participate due to health reasons

Tom McKinney
Mont Vernon

Vote Yes on SB 2 for Mont Vernon

To the editor:

Have your say now, Mont Vernon voters, in the ballot box; at your polling place on Tuesday, March 9 Th with regard to the MV School District budgets for coming years.

The hearings are done; the budget is known and the budget for next year for Mont Vernon Village School district is \$91,000 more than last year. We are talking about 4 ½ million dollars in expenditures which supports the Village School and 74 students who attend the Amherst Middle School. Translated into your tax dollar the MV School Board made a reference example of it being a raise of, based on a \$400,000 house, \$224 more dollars to your property taxes next year. That does not include the Mont Vernon portion of the Souhegan High School budget, if passed, for an additional \$ 219, on the same property, for a total of \$471. Nor does it include any increases in the Town Budget.

And this is only for next year. What will come in the future if we allow our voices not to be heard loudly and clearly and fairly? How many of you will have your salaries raised or funds for your household discretionary budgets increased this next year? I doubt many, in this economy. Voters are entitled to have equal opportunity available to them for a say in their property taxes through balloting at a polling place or absentee ballot, as it relates to the school budget. Passing SB 2 will be the way.

The naysayers say you won't have your voice heard. That is simply not true. Hearings will still be held and Voters Guides for Deliberative Sessions will still be available, in writing, with SB2 in place.

Please go to the polls on March 9 or submit your absentee ballot to the Town Clerk and take control of your property tax future when you can. Your vote this year will change what happens in the coming years but it must absolutely be put in place this year. Vote yes on the Article 7, SB2 Petition Warrant Article on the ballot. Your vote does indeed count!

Jan Miller
Mont Vernon

Church Members Send Health Kits to Haiti

To the editor:

I'm writing to say I'm very proud of my church family. In less than a week, we made 118 Health Kits to send to Haiti.

I'm the member of MUMC in Milford. One of the church members, Rich Masters emailed the church members that had email. I with the help of Carol Brooks made a list and posted it around the Church. Our goal was 100, but we went beyond that. The Youth Group and Becky Ladeau put the kits together. We plan to make more health kits to send. If you think your church or group would be interested in doing the kits, please call MUMC and ask for Carol Brooks.

I send a big "Thank You" to all of MUMC church members.

Love to you all
Moxie Roby
Mont Vernon

Resources for Amherst-Area Small Businesses

AMHERST – In times of great opportunity and economic anxiety, owners of small businesses need an array of resources to help them overcome the challenges they face. MicroCredit-NH, a program of the non-profit New Hampshire Community Loan Fund, assists both new and existing businesses. To offer information about the program, MicroCredit-NH will hold a free orientation in Amherst on Thursday, March 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce, 69 Rte. 101A.

The meeting will provide information about MicroCredit-NH's business development resources, which include peer education, loan capital, networking opportunities, matched savings through the Individual Development Account program, and information about health care options. Local membership options for microbusinesses (up to five employees) will also be discussed.

"Small businesses are New Hampshire's most powerful economic engine," said MicroCredit-NH Regional Manager Peggy O'Keefe. "By offering a menu of services from loans to education to networking – all in one program – MicroCredit-NH helps our members increase their businesses' profits and stability." To register for the orientation, contact O'Keefe at 620-1269.

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